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Delivered Date: 05/26/2009 11:51 AM EDT

Subject: RE: Plume Monitoring Today

Dave:

I was planning to call the dredge captain this afternoon to get an update on their operations today. By this afternoon they should have a nearly full barge ready for dumping tomorrow morning. I'll confirm then where the material is from.

We'll need to have a decision as soon as possible today. We need time to launch the boats and otherwise mobilize today.

Paul

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-----Original Message-----

From: dickerson.dave@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:dickerson.dave@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 11:39 AM
To: Dahlen, Deirdre T
Cc: Dragos, Paul M; Fitzpatrick, Matthew R; L'Heureux, Paul G NAE; Leitch, Robert A NAE
Subject: RE: Plume Monitoring Today

thanks Deirdre - it would probably make sense to confirm this with him/her today. I'm leaning towards doing this last round at Niemiec (bird in hand kind of thing) but am trying to see how much time we have to make a final decision. i.e., the city may have better information this week about

whether they can afford Packer...

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Subject
RE: Plume Monitoring Today

The dredge boat captain indicated last Friday that dredging at Niemiec would occur this Tuesday and Wednesday, with disposal on Wednesday and Thursday.

Deirdre

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From: dickerson.dave@epamail.epa.gov
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To: Dahlen, Deirdre T
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Subject: RE: Plume Monitoring Today

All - I'm waiting for a call-back from Kristin Decas at the HDC to get her take on the prospects for dredging at Packer...

Do we know if this week's dredging at Niemeic will occur all week?

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Dave Dickerson/R1/USEPA/US@EPA,
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05/26/2009 10:59 AM <Robert.A.Leitch@usace.army.mil>
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Subject
RE: Plume Monitoring Today

Bob/Dave,

The attached communication from Apex confirms that the material disposed Wednesday, May 20 was from Niemiec. Battelle observed this disposal event and collected tox samples (testing in progress).

We understand that dredging will continue this week at Niemiec. Please advise if additional disposal monitoring of Niemiec material is necessary, or should we continue as planned to save one last monitoring day for monitoring the disposal of Packer material?

Deirdre

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From: dickerson.dave@epamail.epa.gov
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Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 9:24 AM
To: Leitch, Robert A NAE
Cc: Dahlen, Deirdre T; Dragos, Paul M; L'Heureux, Paul G NAE; Leitch, Robert A NAE
Subject: Re: Plume Monitoring Today

All - this may change our strategy wrt to Packer, i.e. if we have enough funds for another round we should probably use it for Neimeic (for real!!) in case Packer turns out to be a no go. The only thing that might change this is if Wednesday's event was in fact Neimeic.

And we'd have to build in a double check loop to make sure we're doing Neimeic...

Dave

"Leitch, Robert
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Do you know where the dredged material that was dumped today came from?
If
your contact is knowledgeable, can you ask them about yesterday's dredged material as well?

Tx

Bob

----- Message from "Leitch, Robert A NAE"
<Robert.A.Leitch@usace.army.mil> on Fri, 22 May 2009 11:18:08 -0400

cc: "Dragos, Paul M" <dragosp@battelle.org>, "Dahlen, Deirdre T" <DahlenD@battelle.org>

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From: Chet Myers [mailto:cm Myers@apexcos.com]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 10:38 AM
To: dickerson.dave@epamail.epa.gov; Jay Borkland
Cc: kristin.decas@ci.new-bedford.ma.us; Leitch, Robert A NAE
Subject: RE: Plume Monitoring Today

Dave,

Unfortunately, our contractor has been relatively hard to predict with regard to what areas he plans to dredge on any particular day. We will often be told that they are going to dredge in one location, and then they will move to another without telling us. We are trying to keep Battelle in the loop with regard to the location of the contractor. We gave Paul Dragos the dredge captain's phone number, so Battelle could keep in direct contact with him and receive the most updated information directly from the person making those decisions, as they tend to change frequently. It appears that there may have been a miscommunication between Mr. Dragos and the dredge captain.

In this case, Mr. Niemiec asked the contractor to leave his location on Wednesday until early next week due to a backlog of launching at his boat ramp. The contractor moved to the Gifford Street boat ramp location and says that they do not plan to return to Niemiec until Tuesday of next week.

The contractor dredged at Niemiec on Monday and Tuesday, but then moved to the Gifford Street area on Wednesday. As a result, the dump on Wednesday was Niemiec material, but the dump on Thursday was Gifford Street material.

We are sorry for the confusion, and are trying our best to keep Battelle up to date.

Thanks,

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To: Chet Myers; Jay Borkland
Cc: kristin.decas@ci.new-bedford.ma.us; Robert.A.Leitch@usace.army.mil
Subject: Fw: Plume Monitoring Today

Chet and Jay - can you help us with the question below (which areas were placed into the CAD cell on Wed and Th?? We were hoping to do our plume tracking on the Neimiec material since its close to Superfund dredge areas, but apparently this was not the case.

Dave

----- Forwarded by Dave Dickerson/R1/USEPA/US on 05/22/2009 09:04 AM

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